



Mission Report

30th ASEAN University Network (AUN) Board of Trustees Meeting

19-20 June 2014
Cebu, Philippines

Prepared by Tinsiri Siribodhi

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

Tinsiri Siribodhi

B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

ASEAN University Network (AUN) is a network of Universities in 10 Southeast Asian Countries under the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN). Currently, AUN has 30 universities as members and sub-networks such as AUN/SEED-Net (AUN Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network), AUN-QA (AUN Quality Assessment), ACTS (AUN-ASEAN Credit Transfer), AUNILO (AUN Inter-Library Online), AGBEP (ASEAN Graduated Business and Economics Programme Network, AUN-USR&S (AUN University Social Responsibility & Sustainability, and AUN-HREN (AUN-Human Rights Education Network.

AUN held a meeting of board of trustee meeting annually. At the 43rd SEAMEO Council Conference in Malaysia in 2008, the SEAMEO Council suggested and approved SEAMEO to become a member of AUN Board of Trustee in order to strengthen the cooperation of AUN and SEAMEO. AUN is in the process of amending its Charter. As a result, the status of SEAMEO as an AUN Board Member is not yet formally recognized due to the on-going process of amending and rectification of the new AUN Charter.

SEAMEO has been attending the AUN Board Meeting since 2009.

C. Participants

Seventy participants attended the meeting. They are Vice Chancellor, Vice Rector, and Dean, Director of International Relation office from the 30 AUN members and a representative from SEAMEO.

D. Organizer/s

De La Salle University, Philippines and AUN Secretariat

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. ASEAN Secretariat Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Alicia Bala gave an update on ASEAN activities. The following update is the relevant activities to SEAMEO.

- a. ASEAN Post 2015 Vision: ASEAN Secretariat is working on a Post 2015 vision after ASEAN becomes one community. ASEAN Secretariat suggested AUN to come up with policy recommendation on higher education in the region and submit to ASEAN Secretariat.
 - b. ASEAN Secretariat is in the process of strengthening and streamlining ASEAN Sectorial Bodies into thematic group to ensure effective operation of the sectorial body under Social-Cultural Pillar. This includes Senior Official in Education (SOM-ED) who is the High Officials of SEAMEO.
 - c. ASEAN Secretariat informed the Meeting on the new project, EU Share which is a 10 million Euro project of 48 months, starting 2015 onwards. The project has three components namely policy dialogue, ASEAN Quality Framework and student mobility programme. Note the majority of the funding are in the student mobility programme.
2. AUN updated on its work on academic exchange with China and Korea; cultural and non academic programme: Young Speaker Contest, ASEAN Students Leader Forum; training and capacity building of Quality Assurance (QA); academic conference and collaborative research; and AUN network activities.
 3. AUN is currently collaborated with SEAMEO RIHED on a 3 year project on ASEAN-Quality Assurant Network. The project is a joint initiatives funded by DAAD to strengthening capacity of internal and external quality assurance through dialogue and training of professional on regional standards.
 4. AUN will have its new sub-network call, HEALTH. The Secretariat is Mahidol University. Thus this network will be link to SEAMEO TROPMED Thailand and SEAMEO TROPMED Network.
 5. Next Meeting will be from 27-31 July 2015 in Singapore. National University of Singapore (NUS) will host it together with AUN Secretariat.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Shared information during the agenda of Other Matters concerning SEAMEO Post 2015 Education Agenda.
2. Promoted SEAMEO Congress by sending the information of the SEAMEO Congress to the AUN members and invited them to join the Congress.

G. Side Meeting/s

1. With Dr. Nantana, the Executive Director of AUN on the collaboration between AUN and SEAMEO via SEAMEO RIHED in order to complement each other and avoid duplication.

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Send information on the POST 2015 ground study to AUN Secretariat to be used as reference in the AUN Task Force Meeting on ASEAN Post 2015.
2. Send information on SEAMEO Congress to AUN Secretariat (DONE)

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Agenda
2. Pictures from the meeting



Cooperation project with SEAMEO RIHED, ASEAN-Quality Assessment

